

Remarks

Applicants have amended claim 39 to recite that the extruded flexible plastic foam member is rollable along its length into a coil having a radius of curvature ranging from about 2 inches to about 15 inches. Applicants have further added new claims 49 and 50 to recite narrower ranges for the radius.

Applicants urge that amended claim 39 and new claims 49 and 50 are fully supported by the specification and therefore are not new matter. Support for the amendment to claim 39 and for new claims 49 and 50 are found in the specification at the following passages:

at page 6, lines 20 -23: "In the preferred embodiment, the molding 10 is produced, packaged and sold in at least 30 foot lengths and, typically, in lengths of at least 50, 75, 100 and 120 feet. The profile 18 is typically in the range of $3/16$ - $3/4$. . . , inch in thickness"

at page 7, lines 2 - 7: "Referring to FIG. 4, the molding 10 may be packaged in rolls within a box 30 such as a cardboard box. . . . For example, in the case of 4.5 inch wide crown molding, a 30 x 30 x 5 inch box can hold at least 120 feet of the molding 10."

Applicants urge that the amendment to claim 39 and new claims 49 and 50 are fully supported by the aforementioned passages in the specification and by Figure 4. Figure 4 shows one embodiment of the architectural molding, wherein the molding is rolled into a coil. As indicated in the aforementioned passages, a 30 inch box may hold at least 120 feet of molding, and may certainly therefore hold the lesser lengths of 50, 75, and 100 feet disclosed. Further, the rolled molding may be of any thickness in the disclosed range of $3/16$ to $3/4$ inch. One skilled in the art would immediately recognize from the disclosure that the radius of curvature of the rolled molding in the 30 inch box of Figure 4 may range from as little as about 2 inches to as much as about 15 inches. A simple calculation of the diameters of concentric circles approximating the rolled coil as shown in Figure 4 for molding of the disclosed thicknesses and lengths gives the range for the minimum radius of curvature as shown in the following table. This minimum radius of curvature represents the radius of curvature of the innermost concentric circle in the coil as shown in Figure 4, and may be as low as about 2 inches as indicated in the table. The maximum radius of curvature represents the radius of the outermost concentric circle in Figure 4, which is defined by the disclosed 30 inch side of the box as a maximum radius of 15 inches.

Minimum Radius of Curvature of Rolled Molding at Various Lengths.
30 inch box, 15 inch maximum radius

Length, feet	120	100	75	50
Thickness, inches	Minimum Radius of Curvature, inches			
3/16	12.0	12.5	13.2	13.9
1/4	10.8	11.6	12.6	13.6
3/8	7.8	9.5	11.3	12.8
1/2	2.0	6.6	9.6	11.9
3/4	-	-	4.8	9.8

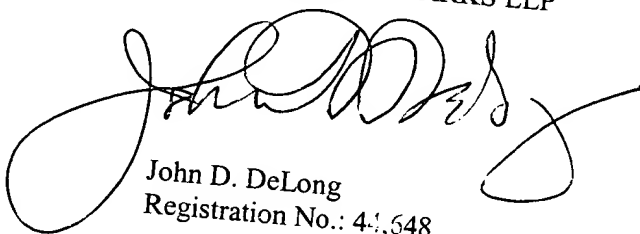
The amendment to claim 39 and added claims 49 and 50 are thus fully supported by the specification and do not add new matter. Applicant further urges that the claims as currently amended are not taught by or obvious over any of the art cited by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the claims as amended herein are fully distinguishable over the prior art and are in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for all claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS

39. (Amended) An architectural molding comprising:

- an extruded flexible plastic foam member having a length, front and rear sides disposed along said length, and a cross sectional profile constant along said length; and
- at least one layer of adhesive disposed on at least a portion of said rear side;
- said cross sectional profile comprising a front side profile selected from the group consisting of front side profiles of crown molding, cove molding, fillet and fascia molding, torus molding, reeding molding, cavetto molding, scotia molding, conge molding, beak molding, chair rail molding, and base molding;
- said extruded flexible plastic foam member being rollable along said length into a coil having a radius of curvature ranging from about 2 inches to about 15 inches.